

III. REMARKS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-17 and 19-24 are pending. Claims 25-29 and 31-34 have been cancelled without prejudice as being directed to a non-elected invention.

B. Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 16, 2003, Applicant elects group 1, including claims 1 - 17 and 19-24 directed to a molding apparatus, classified in class 425, subclass 130. This election is made without traverse.

IV. CONCLUSION

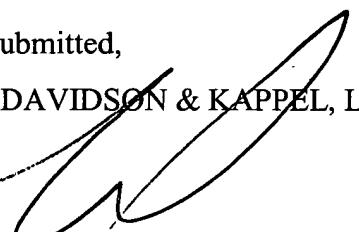
A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee for a one month extension of time. In the event that any further fees are due, the deficiency should be charged to deposit account number 50-0552.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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